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SUBJ: LOS: CONTACT GROUP MEETING ON CONF RES

REF: USUN 4042

1. CONTACT GROUP MET BRIEFLY LATE AFTERNOON OCTOBER 18
TO DISCUSS DRAFT CONF RES CIRCULATED EARLIER IN DAY (USUN 4042).
AMB AMERASINGHE SUGGESTED SEVERAL CHANGES IN TEXT BASED ON
HIS FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. AMERASING HE PROPOSED
FOLLOWING CHANGES:

OPERATIVE PARA WOULD NOW READ: "CONFIRMS ITS DECISION IN
PARA 3 OF RESOLUTION 3029 A (XXVII) OF 18 DECEMBER 1972, AND
DECIDES TO CONVENE THE FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRD UNITED
NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA IN NEW YORK
FROM...TO.... 1973 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEALING WITH
ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS RELATING TO THE CONFERENCE, INCLUDING
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THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS, THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

AND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE CONFERENCE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND THE ALLOCATION OF WORK TO THESE ORGANS AND ANY OTHER PURPOSE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PARAGRAPH 3 BELOW;"

OPERATIVE PARA 3, ADD NEW PHRASE AT END OF SENTENCE:

"...AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THE PROBLEMS OF OCEAN SPACE ARE CLOSELY INTERRELATED AND NEED TO BE CONSIDERED AS A WHOLE;"

OPERATIVE PARAS 4 AND 5 WOULD BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH FOLLOWING NEW PARA 4;

"DECIDES TO CONVENE THE SECOND SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEALING WITH THE SUBSTANTIVE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE FOR A PERIOD OF 10 WEEKS FROM....TO.... ATAND TO CONVENE NOT LATER THAN 1975 ANY SUBSEQUENT SESSION OR SESSIONS AS MAY BE DECIDED BY THE CONFERENCE AND APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY."

ADD NEW PARA 5: "INVITES THE CONFERENCE TO MAKE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AS IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO FACILITATE ITS WORK;"

2. US REP (STEVENSON) SAID US WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT MADE CLEAR THAT NEW PARA 5 WOULD PERMIT INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS. AMERASINGHE REPLIED THAT THIS WAS EXACTLY HIS UNDERSTANDING OF MEANING OF PARA 5.

3. AMERASINGHE PROPOSED THAT ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION TAKE PLACE NOV. 23 TO DEC. 8. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE TIMING CONFLICTS WITH OTHER UN MEETINGS, NO DECISION WAS MADE.

4. DATES AND VENUE OF SUBSTANTIVE SESSIONS WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

5. UK, WITH FRENCH AND JAPANESE SUPPORT, URGED THAT INVITATION QUESTION BE TREATED IN SEPARATE RESOLUTION.
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AMERASINGHE DISCOURAGED THIS EFFORT.

6. AMERASINGHE INVITED THOSE THAT SUPPORT DRAFT RES TO SPONSOR IT.

7. SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP OF 77 ANNOUNCED THAT GROUP HAD DECIDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF LOS CONF IN ONE SESSION FOR TEN WEEKS IN 1974.
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